

REMARKS

The specification has been amended to provide the priority information for this application.

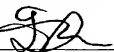
Claims 1-25 have been amended for clarification and to better conform to U.S. practice. Claims 4, 6-11, 14-18, 20, 21, 24, and 25 have been rewritten as singly dependent claims. Claims 4, 5, and 22 have been amended to remove language directed to preferred or exemplary embodiments. New claims 26-41 have been added. Support for new claims 26-41 is found in the specification at, for example: page 1, lines 4-11 (claim 26); page 7, lines 21-28 (claims 27-29 and 33); page 4, line 30 to page 5, line 10 (claims 30, 31, 34, 36, and 38); page 24, lines 23-24 (claim 32); page 5, lines 6-7 (claims 35, 37, and 39); and page 18, lines 16-18 (claims 40 and 41).

No new matter has been added. Claims 1-41 are pending.

Prompt and favorable consideration of the present application is earnestly solicited.

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